

Project Orange's 4x8 house is 'urban, sophisticated and cosy'



"OUR starting point for this project was the terrace house," says James Soane of Project Orange. "From the street the house is very open: a small balcony on the first floor forms a simple porch to the brightly painted door; then inside, the layout is the familiar two-up, two-down."

The design includes a living room, kitchen/diner, a main bedroom and second bedroom/study. "The bathroom is top-lit so at night you can lie in the bath and watch the stars," says Soane.

The architects have worked alongside timber construction specialist Eurban. Walls can be brought to the site in one piece and are pre-drilled ready for plumbing and electrics to be fitted. The finish is timber with back and front walls double-glazed to ensure high levels of insulation. The system is strong enough to allow another floor to be added on top. "The design is urban, sophisticated and cosy," says Soane.

The cost per unit is estimated to be £59,300.

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